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For: POLYPEPTIDE CLEAVAGE METHOD USING OmpT PROTEASE VARIANT

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**  
**&**  
**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Sir:

In response to the FINAL Office Action mailed October 1, 2010, the Office is respectfully requested to consider and enter the following amendments and remarks. Applicants petition herewith for a ONE-month extension of time and submit the corresponding fee, extending the period of response until February 1, 2011.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 5.